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In the Application of )  
Frank Holm Iversen et al. ) Examiner: Chong H. Kim  
on PISTON COMPRESSOR, PARTICULARLY ) Group Art Unit: 3682  
HERMETICALLY ENCLOSED REFRIGERANT )  
COMPRESSOR )  
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT AFTER APPEAL

PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116

Sir:

This proposed amendment is in response to the Final Office Action, mailed January 30, 2004, and to the Examiner's Answer, mailed June 15, 2004. Applicants submit that this amendment conforms to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.116, in that this amendment does not necessitate a new search, raise issues of new matter, or otherwise introduce new issues. Applicants respectfully request the entry of this amendment.

**Proposed Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.**

**Remarks begin on page 4.**